

# Honolulu Star-Bulletin

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Through Christianity, education, and the press, the standard of public opinion has been raised so high and is steadily growing so much higher and stronger year by year, month by month, day by day, in our western civilized countries, that it is not too much to say that, in consequence of that high standard of public opinion which controls men's actions as well as their words and their thoughts, it is that very high and growing standard that makes these western civilized communities today the practical controllers of the world.—W. V. Drummond of Shanghai, China.

## THE SECRETARYSHIP

The selection of Attorney-general Thayer as secretary of the territory would seem to be a solution of a very troublesome problem facing the governor at the outset of his administration. During his comparatively short service as attorney-general, Mr. Thayer has conducted the office satisfactorily through a good deal of delicate and critical work. He is loyal, energetic, a developing man and a developing official. His knowledge of the law will be particularly useful to the administration. His Democracy is unquestionable.

When there came a change in governors, Mr. Thayer very properly took and maintained the attitude that his resignation was at the disposal of the new executive. He is no job-chaser. He is not a candidate for the secretaryship; indeed, were it a matter of his own wishes, it is not unlikely that he would prefer to remain directly in his profession, in his present official capacity. Here is a case where the office seeks the man.

## EXTRA SESSION ONLY IN REAL EMERGENCY

Only in case of real emergency should an extra session of the legislature be called. The expense of even a short session will be many thousands of dollars and its result problematical. Sometimes these economy sessions cost as much as they have by the pruning process. If the heads of departments are fully informed of the financial situation and told to economize and in what directions, and if this administrative policy is firmly and continuously insisted upon, there will be little need for legislative action. Some of the appropriations passed by the last legislature might be repealed, but a year has gone and the final saving is not likely to be large enough to warrant the emergency procedure.

## PROGRESS IN CHARITIES

The Associated Charities took a step yesterday afternoon that has been inevitable for some time and has long been urged by this paper—a step to systematize benevolent and charitable work in this city on a basis of efficiency. Under the terms of the resolution adopted yesterday, we take it that when the Greater Chamber of Commerce is organized, the present Associated Charities will be handled by a committee or bureau, the resolution indicating this plan. That is the logical course to pursue. If the splendid

but now haphazard charity work of this community is thoroughly reorganized and systematized, on some such framework as the "Cleveland plan," vastly more can be accomplished for the same amount of money. Cleveland, furthermore, has found that much more money can be raised. Honolulu will almost certainly have the same welcome experience.

## THE ENLARGED HOMESTEAD ACT

In an interview just given out, Secretary Lane calls attention to the fact that there proves to be considerable misunderstanding among Western homesteaders as to the procedure necessary in order that the "enlarged homestead entries" shall be made.

The secretary of state said that only the most direct and simple statement by the settler is required and that it is wholly unnecessary for him to incur the charges now made by attorneys to draw up formal petitions when they are in fact no more effective than the homesteader's own letter would be.

The first "enlarged homestead act" was approved in 1909 and applies to non-irrigable land in Colorado and several other states. The work of classifying the land and determining what areas may be considered "non-irrigable" has been assigned by Secretary Lane to the National Geographical Survey. Owing to the large areas to be covered this work necessarily moves along slowly but as soon as the land is classified as non-irrigable they are available for homestead entry of not to exceed 320 acres. The principle involved is worth attention in Hawaii, where revision of the land laws is coming more and more into discussion.

Justice Hughes of the supreme court of the United States in a recent opinion held that "a statute permitting the state railroad commission to fix rates potentially repealed that part of the charter which named rates." This seems to be a statement that a public service commission created by legislative enactment may change rates fixed by charter and opens the way to some interesting possibilities.

Kalakaua avenue is only one of the thoroughfares whose condition is disgraceful. The next board of supervisors ought to be a "good roads" board first and a Republican or Democratic board afterwards.

Slowly and sadly he sailed him away, from the field of his fame he departed; the last pain and luan is o'er, and Washingtonwards he has started.

Circuit Judge Parsons is so well-liked at Hilo that any move to displace him is bound to be unpopular.

Any time the Southern Californians get a longing for a real climate they should pay us a visit.

The way of the transgressor is hard, particularly if he is a supervisor as well.

The interlocking director may yet be classed with the dodo.

## LITTLE INTERVIEWS

—A. J. WIRTZ: The mayor should use all speed in naming the new civil service commission.

—WILL MILES: The political excitement seems to have subsided. But it is a safe bet it will spring into full force soon again.

—VIRGINIA BRISSAC: Dear old Honolulu! How good it looks to us! It's too bad that we cannot remain over here on this trip. We still have it on the list, however.

—W. W. THAYER (attorney-general): If Keaioha still insists on occupying the office of supervisor in Hawaii county, we can impeach him, a job which should be comparatively easy now, since his conviction.

—MRS. ALICE C. JORDAN: The Humane Society is again making use of the Associated Charities office, which is most agreeable and helpful all around, as we are able to consult with Miss Lucy Ward about many cases.

—CAPT. H. A. MORRISBY (C.A. liner Niagara): The oil-burning apparatus in the Niagara has more than worked out to the highest expectations of the company. Past performances show the superiority of oil over coal as a fuel.

—SYDNEY JORDAN (of the Hawaii Promotion Committee): In cranking up my self-starting machine, I met with a most peculiar accident, you

know. This decoration to my optic came through natural causes. No, I did not fall on the ice.

—JOHN WRAY: We have no complaints to offer concerning the brief Australian tour. We played to good business from the start. Failure upon the part of moving-picture promoters to carry out their part of the agreement brought about our return.

—CHARLES F. CHILLINGWORTH: The fishing law passed by the last session of the legislature is now before the United States supreme court and there's no telling when we'll get a decision on it. Meanwhile the nehu seem to have disappeared. I don't know why.

—GEORGE R. CARTER: In presenting a resolution before the annual meeting of the Associated Charities yesterday, I represented an element that has not been altogether satisfied with the growth and development of that organization. We believe this organization has not fully grasped its opportunity nor broadened its scope sufficiently.

—WILLIAM HENRY (high sheriff): The conduct of Henry Francis Ferguson, the man who blew Officer M. D. Abreu, has been exemplary since his incarceration at Oahu prison. While I am still of the opinion he should not hang, I don't think he should ever be turned loose on the community, but should remain under constant watch and care the remainder of his life.

—M. C. PACHECO: I notice this morning a story about some cluster lights bought for the city but never

used. As chairman of the supervisorial lighting committee, I want to say that this purchase was made by the previous board and I never knew of the existence of the lights until now. I shall investigate the matter at once. Our lighting is progressing well. The Auwahi district is nearly finished and then we begin on the lighting of Kalakaua avenue, to be completed by the time of the Carnival.

## 'SEE OAHU FIRST' TRIPS COMMENCE TOMORROW MORNING

Under the joint auspices of the Oahu Railway & Land Co., and the Wells-Fargo Express Co., a combined train and stage service will be inaugurated tomorrow morning by which a tourist or resident may make a circuit of Oahu for \$4.25. An O. R. & L. train will leave the station at 9:15 o'clock in the morning and proceed to Kahuku, where a connection will be made with the Koolau Railway to Hauula. From Hauula the trip will be made to Honolulu by stage. Another route has been planned to be just opposite the first one, that is, starting by stage and returning by train.

## JAPANESE MASS MEETING.

(Special cable to the Nippon Jiji) TOKIO, Japan, Jan. 27.—Japanese politicians who are opposed to the policy of the present government, are arranging to hold a gigantic mass meeting at Hibiya Park to bring before the public the question of the recent naval scandal. It is feared that the meeting will resolve itself into a riot.

## TACOMA, WASH. AND SILVER CITY, N. M. ARE UNITED HERE

Miss Edith Lee Yoemans, the very pretty young daughter of W. C. Yoemans, a lumber king of Washington, sat on the roof-garden of the Alexander Young hotel last night with Leo A. Rosenfeldt, a young businessman of Silver City, New Mexico. They were discussing the cruelty of fate, which would soon separate them, send one to his business at Silver City, the other to her home at Tacoma.

Miss Yoemans and Mr. Rosenfeldt met here six weeks ago. They motored together, they played golf at the Country Club and went to the prettiest places they could find for long walks. The young man caught himself several times just as he was about to propose. But he never "put the question," as he said last night, because Miss Yoemans was very wealthy, and he was only a young and struggling businessman.

Yet as they sat on the roof-garden last night Miss Yoemans divined what Mr. Rosenfeldt would not say — and so she put the question herself.

"Why don't we get married?" she exclaimed. "Then we wouldn't have to leave like this," she added, indicating with her hand the Manchuria dock.

The young man literally jumped at the idea. He caught her up and they

rushed from the roof garden. Miss Muriel Kennedy, a resident here and a friend of Miss Yoemans, was found, and she was importuned to see that they were married at once. It was late in the evening. Stores were closed, ministers were asleep, Thomas Treadway, marriage license commissioner, was at his home; but these were only small obstacles.

A series of telephone calls did the work. A. F. Wall, of Wall & Dougherty, opened the store and sold them a ring. Treadway got out of bed and issued a license. Rev. R. E. Smith arose and performed the marriage ceremony. And it was over—all over except telling the father.

When the couple returned to the young, little Mrs. Rosenfeldt stole into her father's room.

"Look, papa," she smiled. "Look what I have!" And she held out her hand with the wedding ring on it.

Perhaps he had foreseen it. Anyway, he lost no time in escorting the couple into the cafe, where the health of the bride and bridegroom was drunk.

This morning when the Manchuria sailed for San Francisco, Mr. and Mrs. Rosenfeldt were passengers, the beginning of their honeymoon.

## PROCEDURE IN INVESTIGATION OF INTER-ISLAND

E. A. Mott-Smith, chairman of the public utilities commission, presented to the meeting of that organization this afternoon for its consideration a tentative program of procedure to be used in its investigation of the inter-island steam navigation company which began February 2. Notices of the investigation have been published in the principal newspapers in the islands. Mr. Mott-Smith has asked the inter-island to submit a plan of procedure, and it is expected that his own and the one furnished by the company will decide the final ways and means.

According to the tentative schedule, the commission will begin its investigation into the utility portion of the company's business by obtaining a detailed statement of the amount of capital and character of plant engaged in its utility business; a trial balance of its last fiscal year, a profit and loss account covering such business during its last fiscal year, a statement of the running expenses for such business during such a period as may be deemed useful by the commission and a detailed statement of the amount, nature and source of its income from such business for such a period as may be deemed useful.

The commission, says the schedule, will take up, among other things, the safety, wages and working hours of the company's employees, the fares and rates charged by it and the justness and reasonableness thereof, the value of its physical property engaged in such business, the issuance by it of stocks and bonds if any and the amount and disposition of its income from its utility business.

During the investigation the commission will hear and set special days for hearing formal and informal complaints filed against the company.

Chairman Mott-Smith reported that the commission had completed its work with regard to securing facts in the Wahiawa Water Company case, and that the commission is now awaiting further data from the Hawaii Fruit and Plant Company, the registry office and the Wahiawa Water Company.

## HAIKU SUGAR COMPANY DECIDES TO INCREASE DIVIDENDS OF 1/4 OF 1 PCT.

The directors of the Haiku Sugar Company at a meeting just held decided to increase the dividends from one-fourth of one per cent to one-half of one per cent. In order to bring the dividends for January up to one-half of one per cent, the directors have decided to declare a special dividend of one-quarter of one per cent payable in February as a part of the February dividends.

This, then, will make the dividends paid in February amount to three-quarters of one per cent.

Miss Tiny Bradwick tested an aerial life preserver by stepping from a plane at a height of 850 feet above Los Angeles.

## For Rent

Piikoi St. 3 bedrooms \$40  
Kalihi off Kam. IV Rd. 3 bedrooms 35  
Aloha Lane 3 bedrooms 17

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Auld Lane, 3 bedrooms... 15.00  
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Kaimuki, Ocean View and Palolo Hill lots, \$400 and up.

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